

**Bill 001**  
**A Bill to Promote Informed Voting**  
**Sponsored by: Senator del Carmen**  
**Co-Sponsored by: Senator Carey, Senator Schlee, Senator Sharpe, Senator**  
**Hagerty**

***Whereas,***

The Senate Bylaws Article VII Section 4, Clause 1, outlines the Duties of the Board of Elections.

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The Senate Bylaws Article VII Section 4, Clause 1, Subsection (xv) reads, “Ensure that the ballot contains slots for write-in candidates for all positions up for election,” regarding the responsibilities of the Board of Elections.

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In the current Student Government Senate elections, each voter is required to select or write in two candidates from their class and two candidates from their school to elect into office on the ballot. This forces students to select two candidates even if they do not support, or are not informed on a second choice.

***Whereas,***

The option to “Abstain” from selecting a second candidate in each category would provide an option for voters that do not wish to endorse two candidates. While students are encouraged to educate themselves on their respective candidates, this option would provide an alternative for circumstances in which this is not the case.

***Be it enacted that,***

The Student Government Association Senate, acting in its official capacity as the representative of the undergraduate student body of The Catholic University of America, hereby add Article VII Section 4, Clause 1, Subsection (xvi) of the Senate Bylaws to read:

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- (i) Ensure that the ballot contains an option to vote in abstention for all positions up for election.

Agreed to by a vote of \_\_\_\_ yeas to \_\_\_\_ nays on this date: \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_ abstaining and \_\_\_\_ not present.

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